

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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Open Tuesday- Sunday 8:30a.m. – 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm

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Saturday 1st

9a.m. Naturalist Near You ~ Keep a look out for the naturalists as they travel around the campground with a special guest and nature trivia. **cg**

1p.m. Land Beneath The Lake ~ Relax and keep cool inside the Visitor Center as we take a look at three towns that are under Patoka Lake. View old photographs of the land and people who once called this area home. **vc**

2p.m. Homemade Laundry Soap ~ During this program learn to make your own laundry soap and save money doing it. Take a small sample home to use on your next load! **vc**

Sunday 2nd

10a.m. Dam Tower Tour ~ Meet the naturalist at the Patoka Lake Dam on Highway 545 or meet at the Visitor Center to car caravan to the Dam for this morning tour. Walk along with Corps of Engineers staff as you tour the inside of the actual dam tower feature! Learn about how the water level is controlled daily and what was done to prevent serious flooding downstream last year. (Caravan will leave at 9:30 a.m.) **vc**

Noon – 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk & Eastern Screech Owl will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a look!

1p.m. Conserving Water ~ The average home uses 32- 53 gallons of water each day. With the current water shortage, find out ways to save and cut back on your family's water usage. **vc**

2p.m. Hiking the 'Narries' ~ Tag along with the naturalist for this short hike. Hear stories of Patoka's past and view photos along the way. The final stop will be at the reconstructed Moery Cabin. **vc**



**ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.**

vc ~ Visitor Center

br ~ Boat Ramp

cg ~ Campgrounds

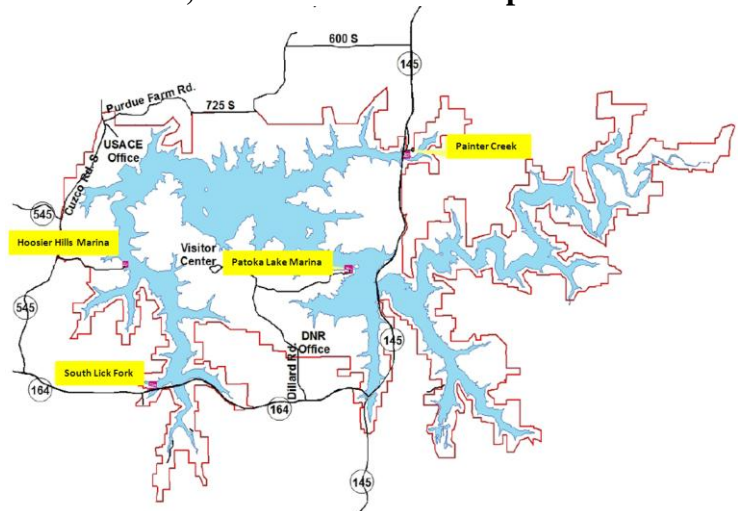
Saturday 8th

Patoka Lake Clean Up Day Pick Up Patoka

8a.m. – 11a.m. Trash Pick Up

11a.m. – 1p.m. Free Lunch and Prize Drawing

Meet at one of four locations Hoosier Hills Marina, South Lick Fork Ramp, Patoka Lake Marina, or Painter Creek Ramp



Bring your boat, kayak or sturdy hiking shoes to walk, paddle, or motor about the shores of the lake. Help us pick up trash and debris during our annual lake cleanup event. Free lunch will be provided at Hoosier Hills Marina for all who volunteer. There will be a special prize drawing during lunch. All supplies will be provided just bring your friends and families! Patoka is YOUR lake, so come join us in keeping it clean!

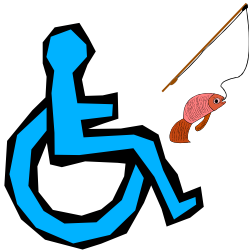
Sunday 9th

1p.m. The Turtle Club ~ Come to the Visitor Center to meet our Eastern Box Turtle who is not able to live out in the wild. Hear her story of life and survival. Find out how you can become a member of the turtle club! **vc**

2p.m. Reuse It ~ Get in the habit of inventing new uses for existing objects. Think before you throw it out! Learn ways to reuse goods around your house. Make a bracelet from recycled water bottles and magazines to take home and wear! **vc**

Saturday 15th

11th Annual Wheelin' IN the Fish **Saturday, September 15th** **At Osborn Ramp, Highway 145** **10a.m.-2p.m.**



Join in the 11th Annual event for people with special needs and their families. This program promotes the accessible features of Patoka Lake and provides a great opportunity to enjoy a day of fishing, boat rides, recreational opportunities and other outdoor experiences.

There is NO charge for this program!

Fishing poles, tackle, and bait provided(while supplies last)

*Lunch Provided * Door Prizes *

Certificates awarded to all participants

Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Event hosted by DNR Patoka Reservoir,

Patoka Bass Anglers and SICIL

(Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living)

For more information, contact the Visitor Center (812)685-2447.

Sunday 16th

9a.m. – 6p.m. Join Patoka Lake Naturalist and Raptors at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience at Fort Harrison State Park. Enjoy outdoor activities for all ages!

1p.m. Hiking Necessities & Walking Sticks~ During this short program, learn what to bring along and what to leave at home for a day hike adventure. Design and decorate your own walking stick. \$5/walking stick. **vc**

2p.m. Hike to Fisherman's ~ Using your brand new hiking stick, walk to Fisherman's campground to look for signs of beaver activity. Meet inside the Visitor Center. **vc**

Saturday 22nd

11a.m. Reuse It ~ Get in the habit of inventing new uses for existing objects. Think before you throw it out! Learn ways to reuse goods around your house. Make a recycled craft to take home! **vc**

2p.m. Window Sill Farming~ Window sill farming can be a treat for the eyes as well as the palate. Make an herb garden and watch your garden grow! **vc**

Sunday 23rd

1p.m. Hoosier Quest ~ Kids bring your parents in to learn about an exciting way to earn patches, pins, and prizes for hiking and spending time outdoors! **vc**

2p.m. Nature's Medicine Chest ~ With a handful of everyday ingredients you can have the basis for a natural medicine chest and first aid kit. Learn what you need and what to do during this short program!

Saturday 29th

8a.m. -11a.m. Archery for Beginners Lesson ~ Meet the naturalist and other certified archery instructors at the Patoka Lake Archery Range for a beginners archery lesson. This event is an introduction to the sport and is open to all ages 8 and older. Participation is limited to the first 15 registrants or to the first 15 to arrive by the 8a.m. start time. Pre-register by calling the Patoka Lake Visitor Center at (812)685-2447. All archery equipment will be provided at the event. The archery range is on South Ramp road, just inside the main gate. **ar**

Sunday 30th

10:30a.m. Kayak Adventure ~Meet the naturalist at Painter Creek Boat Ramp on Highway 145 for this morning tour on the waters of Patoka. Bring your kayaks, paddles, PFD's, refreshments and other equipment. Look for bald eagles, beaver, osprey and other wildlife. Hear stories from Patoka's past, as we paddle near an old home site. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5, but may also be purchased at the Patoka Property Office from 8a.m. – 4p.m. daily. **br**

COMING IN OCTOBER

***Friday 19th – Saturday 20th**

Autumn Getaway



*** Family Fun & Games**

***Campsite Scavenger Hunt**

***Trick or Treating**

***Campsite Decorating Contest**

***Pet Costume Contest**

***Dutch Oven Cooking Competition**

***Taste of Patoka Chili**

***Friendship Stew**

***Trail of Tales Night Hike**

***Chainsaw Carving Program**

***Creatures of the Night Program**

And SO MUCH MORE!!